

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2928**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Stephen L. DiNatale*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act authorizing the North Central Chamber of Commerce to conduct a pilot program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. DiNatale of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2928) of Stephen L. DiNatale and others for legislation to authorize the North Central Chamber of Commerce to establish a pilot program for net metering of electricity for manufacturers. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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An Act authorizing the North Central Chamber of Commerce to conduct a pilot program.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the North  
2 Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce shall hereby be authorized to engage forthwith in  
3 a pilot program for the purposes of operating as a distribution company customer, as defined in c.  
4 164 sec. 139 (b); provided further, said pilot program shall evaluate economic development, job  
5 growth, and other benefits to manufacturers located in the Commonwealth; provided further, said  
6 pilot program shall be under the jurisdiction of the department of public utilities and shall be  
7 only subject to the caps, limits and restrictions, including eligibility for participation in the  
8 Commonwealth’s Net Metering and Solar Carve-Out Renewable Generation programs, as those  
9 placed upon municipalities or other governmental entities under Section 138 of Chapter 164 of  
10 the General Laws and Section 139 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws; and, provided further,  
11 said pilot shall not exceed a duration of 25 years from the start thereof.

12 SECTION 2. The North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce shall deliver to  
13 the department of public utilities an interim report of the results of said pilot program not later  
14 than forty-eighty months after implementation of such, detailing the efficacy of the pilot in  
15 expanding net metering to manufacturers; provided further, said report shall demonstrate the  
16 effect of said net metering upon the cost of electricity for manufacturers; and, provided further,  
17 said report shall make a recommendation to the department of public utilities whether to expand  
18 said pilot.

19 SECTION 3. If, upon the completion of said pilot program and review of North Central  
20 Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce’s interim report, the department of public utilities  
21 recommends expansion of the program to the Legislature, the department of public utilities shall  
22 develop and submit draft legislation to the Legislature intended to lower the cost of electricity for  
23 the Commonwealth’s manufacturers in accordance with all existing applicable laws and

24 regulations; and, provided further, that said program shall not exceed the parameters set  
25 by this Act.

26 SECTION 4. The department shall immediately apply its existing Class III Net Metering  
27 Facility rules and regulations, under 220 CMR 18.00, to the North Central Massachusetts  
28 Chamber of Commerce as necessary to carry out this Act. Nothing in this subsection shall limit  
29 the department's authority to adopt rules and regulations relating to other net metering policies  
30 and initiatives.

31 SECTION 5. This law shall expire December 31, 2038.